

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (previously presented) An information management apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said reproduction disabling means erases at least a portion of the main information recorded on said recording medium.

3. (previously presented) An information management apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said reproduction disabling means rewrites other information over at least a portion of the main information recorded on said recording medium.

4. (previously presented) An information management apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said reproduction disabling means disables the main information, recorded on the recording medium, within a predetermined time after said main information reproducer reproduces the transmitted signal.

5. (currently amended) An information management apparatus comprising:

a receiver which receives main information;

a recorder which records said main information on a recording medium;

a main information reproducer which reproduces said main information on said recording medium; and

a reproduction management means for managing said main information reproducer,

wherein said reproduction management means is provided with a reproduction disabling means for disabling operation of said main information reproducer, and

wherein said reproduction disabling means comprises:

decision means for deciding whether the reproduction disabling function of said reproduction disabling means is normal, and

a reproduction start refusing means for refusing a reproduction start command requesting start of an operation for reproducing said main information by said main information reproducer, when said decision means decides that the reproduction disabling function of said reproduction disabling means is abnormal.